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The reply filed on 1/24/08 is not fully responsive to the prior restriction requirement because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): while applicant has elected a Group (Group I), the identification of the species is unclear. Applicant state that they elect 'the chimeric protein consisting of a beta 3 subunit fused at its COOH end, with the I-II loop of an alpha subunit. This specie is described in Example 1, beginning on page 25'. Example 1, specifically lines 34-35 refer to a rat beta 3 subunit whose cDNA corresponds to positions 98 to 1545 of the Genbank sequence M88755. However, the genbank entry for M88755 is for the house mouse not the rat (see attached document). Further, entry M88755 has residues 1 to 879. As such, it is unclear what residues 98 to 1545 are. Taken together the elected species is unclear.

A telephone call to applicants representative Jay Rowe on 3/5/08 did not result in an election of species. Applicant is to elect a single species such that all the variable groups are uniquely defined. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ronald T. Niebauer whose telephone number is 571-270-3059. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5:00pm, alt. Friday, EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached at 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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